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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Huyen Le

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 8 and 12-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-7, 9-11 and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                       |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-4, 8, 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ramirez (6,325,076).

The Ramirez reference discloses pump system (36) for a personal care appliance (see Figs. 8-9), comprising: a fluid cartridge member (21) made of flexible material, the fluid cartridge member having a fluid-filled portion and an exit opening for the fluid in the cartridge, for delivery to a line which connects to a work piece portion (brushhead) of the appliance; a base member (20) having a cutout portion (cavity) into which the fluid-filled portion of the cartridge member (21) can nest; and a pressing member (37), at least a nesting portion (the wheel) of which has a configuration which substantially matches the cross-section of the cutout portion of the base member, such that, over at least a substantial portion of the length of the cutout portion, the fluid-filled portion and the pressing member (37) substantially nest with the cutout portion, so that as the pressing member (37) is moved in operation forwardly over the cartridge, fluid is moved from the fluid-filled portion through the exit opening, with the flexible cartridge being flattened during such action substantially without creasing of the cartridge, the pressing member is moved by user action, the pressing member includes two mounting

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elements (38) which extend outwardly from opposing ends of the nesting portion, the nesting portion is configured to nest with the cutout portion around its entire circumference, permitting the nesting portion to roll along the fluid-filled portion of the cartridge, pressing fluid out therefrom through the exit opening, a beginning part of the cutout portion being narrower than the length of the nesting portion of the pressing means but tapers outwardly to a point where the nesting portion fully nests within the cutout portion.

### ***Conclusion***


3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Stevenson teaches a toothbrush having a pressing member nesting in a cutout portion.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huyen Le whose telephone number is 571-272-4890. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Huson can be reached on 571-272-4887. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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